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| Inventor(s) L. R. Angerpointner | | | |
| Title of Invention SLIP RING UNIT WITH A PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD | | | |

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Transmitted herewith is Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 with Replacement Sheet and Annotated Marked-up Drawings and post card.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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| Indep. | | Minus | | | x \$43= | | | x \$86= | |
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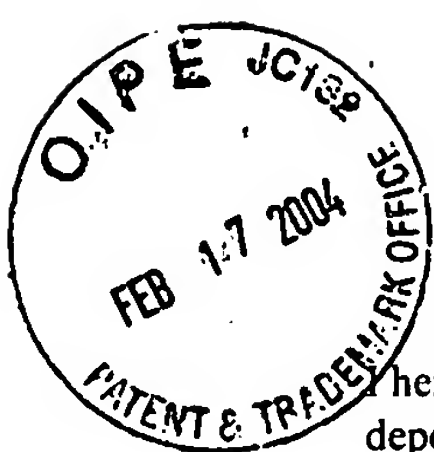
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2003. This Amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented, because it responds to the new indication of the allowance of claims 18 and 19. The present Amendment is necessary in order to have

claims 18 and 19 granted in a patent in an expedited manner. The present Amendment is necessary in order to schematically show and identify the recited a flexible flat cable plug recited in claims 18 and 19. Since the present Amendment does not provide new issues that require a new search and reduces the issues for Appeal by canceling claims 1-17, Applicant requests that the present Amendment be considered and entered. Accordingly, please cancel claims 1-17 without prejudice and amend the drawings and the specification as follows: